



Focus on Friends Monthly Bulletin

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Letter from the President

Hello Friends,

Welcome to the January 2021 issue of Focus on Friends. Happy New Year!

January is a great time to renew your FOML membership. Being connected with friends across the state is more important now in these challenging times than ever before. FOML hopes to offer more virtual events in the coming months that allow our members to engage with each other.

It is easy to feel disconnected during this time. You are not alone! Let's work together to figure out how to move forward successfully.

Do you have ideas, questions, or stories for future issues of Focus on Friends? Please email ideas and photos to friendsofmichiganlibraries@gmail.com.

Stay safe, stay connected, and take care!

Jill Marie Mason
FOML President



Monthly Member Forums

United for Libraries members are invited to a monthly member forum on the second Wednesday of each month at 2 pm eastern. All sessions will be recorded and posted in the members only area of the United for Libraries website. Each month we'll feature a hot topic of interest to Trustees, Friends and/or Foundations. A guest speaker will share highlights and information about the month's topic, followed by a Q&A with the speaker. At the half-hour mark, the format will switch to an open discussion among webinar participants. Sessions are open to all personal and group members of United for Libraries.



Friends of Michigan Libraries



Just a reminder to renew your FOML membership. Visit our website to fill out the renewal form. You can pay by credit card or request an invoice and mail in a check.
<https://foml.org/membership>

Share Your Stories

If you have a story for the Focus on Friends bulletin you would like to share with Friends, please email it to friendsofmichiganlibraries@gmail.com





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Connect with FOML online! Be sure to like and follow Friends of Michigan Libraries, FOML, on Facebook.

You can get the latest news about other Library Friends groups around the state and helpful reminders of resources useful for your own group.

<https://www.facebook.com/FOMLibraries>

Meet the FOML Board Rebecca Higerson



In reviewing the challenges of 2020 and beyond, one of the hardest to navigate as Library Director has been the decisions I've had to make to curtail or stop Friends activities in our library. All of us state-wide miss your energy, your passion, your smiles, your fundraising, your everything!

However, being a Board Member for the Friends of Michigan Libraries has meant that I could continue to support you and work on your behalf in a different capacity. Please know that FOML is committed to developing services and programs that will connect you with others to enhance your success.

Rebecca Higerson
Brandon Township Public Library Director

Save the Date

- ALA Midwinter Virtual
January 22 - 28, 2021
- Michigan Library
Legislative Day
April 20, 2021